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Replace the paragraph on Page 16, Line 15 to Page 19, Line 5 as follows:

In other words, at step 507, the transmission terminal checks the content of the status table of FIG. 6a and Fig. 6b. When the Repetition Required flag for the originating transmission terminal is "1" and the Repetition Start Wait counter is "0," the transmission terminal goes to step 508 and passes the received data (from the #2 key transmission line 52) to the #1 key transmission line 51. At the same time, the transmission terminal 31 (or 41) performs data processing such as sending the received data (from the #2 key transmission line 52) to the device control block 19 in the transmission terminal as the data from the originating transmission terminal does not come from the #1 key transmission line. When the content of the status table is other than the above, the transmission terminal 31 (or 41) goes to step 509 and discards the received data. At step 510, the transmission terminal repeats the above steps until the timer reaches the preset time. —

Replace the paragraph on Page 20, Lines 8-24 as follows:

Below will be described processing of #1 transmission terminals 31 and 41 in vehicles 3 and 4, assuming that the #1 key transmission line 51 is broken between vehicles 2 and 3 as shown in FIG. 3. When a line break occurs, the transmission terminals 31 and 41 cannot receive data from the transmission terminals in vehicles 1 and 2. Consequently, the Received counters for originating vehicles 1 and 2 remain unchanged. When no data is received for one cycle (10 ms) or longer, the Received counters remain "0." Further, if no data is received for more cycles, the values of the Not Received counters keep on increasing at every cycle. As shown in FIG. <u>6a and Fig. 6b</u>,